# MINUTES

OF

# The Lutheran Synod,

CONVENED AT SANDY CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY,

1860.

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OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# Evan. Luth. Synod & Ministerium

OF

# NORTH CAROLINA,

CONVENED AT SANDY CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, ON THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1860.

WITH

MINUTES OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY APPENDED.

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According to a resolution, passed at its last meeting, the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, assembled in Sandy Creek Church, Davidson County, on Thursday the third of May, 1860. The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. William Artz, from Matt. 25: 14—32.

After a short recess, Synod was opened with singing and prayer by the President, the roll was called, and the Clerical members with their Delegates, registered according to the following list:

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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| Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK, | *Gibsonville, Guilford County,* | *N. C.* |
| " WILLIAM ARTZ, | *Concord, Cabarrus County* | " |
| " SAMUEL ROTHROCK, | *Rockville, Rowan* " | " |
| " JOHN H. MENGERT;* | *Wilmington,* | " |
| " JACOB CRIM, | *Jerusalem, Davie* " | " |
| " J. B. ANTHONY,† | *Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus* | " |
| " JOSEPH A. LINN, | *Gold Hill, Rowan,* | " |
| " D. H. BITTLE, | *Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,* | " |
| " WILLIAM GERHARDT, | *Concord,* " | " |
| " SIMEON SCHERER, | *Bunker Hill, Catawba County,* | " |
| " LEVI C. GROSECLOSE, | *Salisbury,* | " |
| " JOHN SWICEGOOD, | *Shady Grove, Davidson* | " |
| " G. D. BERNHEIM, | *Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,* | " |
| " JOHN S. HEILIG, | *Mill Hill, Cabarrus* | " |
| " DANIEL I. DREHER, | *Concord, Cabarrus,* | " |
| " B. C. HALL, | *Shaw's Mill, Guilford,* | " |
| " CALEB LENTZ, | *Oakland, Colorado County Texas.* | |
| " WILLIAM A. JULIAN, | *Lexington, Davidson County,* | *N. C.* |

*Appeared and took his seat after the first day. †Admitted this Synod.

## LICENTIATES.

Rev. A. GRIMES, .....*Hay Meadow, Wilkes County, N. C.*
" L. A. BIKLE, .....*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,* "
" A. PHILLIPPI, .....*Charlotte,* "
" J. R. SIKES,* .....*Salisbury,* "
WHITSON KIMBALL,* .....*Midway, Davidson County,* "

## LAY DELEGATES.

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| Mr. JOHN WAGNER, | *Rev. John D. Scheck's* | *Delegate.* |
| " DAVID EARNHEART, | " *Samuel Rothrock's* | " |
| " W. L. KISTLER, | " *Jacob Crim's* | " |
| " JACOB FILE, | " *J. A. Linn's* | " |
| " JACOB LUTZ, | " *S. Scherer's* | " |
| " JACOB E. MOOSE, | " *L. C. Groseclose's* | " |
| " THOMAS J. DOTSON, | " *J. S. Heilig's* | " |
| " JAMES WILLIFORD, | " *D. I. Dreher's* | " |
| " HENRY KIME, | " *B. C. Hall's* | " |
| " A. SWICEGOOD, | " *William A. Julian's* | " |
| " MARTIN ISENHOUR, | " *A. Phillippi's* | " |
| " JOHN A. TROUTMAN, | " *J. B. Anthony's* | " |
| " HANKE VOLLERS, | " *J. H. Mengert's* | " |
| " Dr. E. SMITH, | " *W. Kimball's* | " |

The President read his Annual Report, which was received and laid on the table for future consideration.

Synod now went into an election for officers for the ensuing year, and the following is the result:

Rev. SIMEON SCHERER, *President.*
" DANIEL I. DREHER, *Recording Secretary.*
" JACOB CRIM, *Corresponding* "
MATHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

Commissioners were received from Vacant Congregations, and invited to seats as advisory members of Synod, viz:

Mr. Daniel Fisher, from St. Paul's Rowan County.

Mr. Daniel Hoffman, from Bethel, Rowan County.

Capt. John Sloop, from Luther's Chapel, Rowan County.

Rev. T. S. Boinest, the Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, being present, was introduced and invited to a seat, and a participation in the deliberations of this body.

Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., was also introduced, and receiv-

*Admitted this Synod.

ed as a Corresponding Delegate of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, at Newberry, South Carolina, and was invited to a seat as an advisory member of this Synod.

Dr. BROWN observed that he desired to make some remarks at such time as Synod might designate.

A letter from the Rev. W. S. McCLANNAHAN, Corresponding Delegate from the Western Virginia Synod, was read, and the following adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure of the kindly feelings entertained by the Synod of Western Virginia, toward this Synod, and regret that its Delegate, Rev. W. S. McCLANNAHAN, finds its impracticable to be present with us.

Rev. WHITSON KIMBALL, an *ad interim* Licentiate, was invited to a seat as an advisory member of Synod.

Parochial Reports were called for, and are as follows:

# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## MINISTERS.

| | Congregations | Baptisms. Infants | Baptisms. Adults | Communicants | Confirmations, | Restorations, | Dismissions, | Admissions, | Expulsions, | Funerals, | Death of Members. | Edu. and Mis. Societies. | Sunday Schools. | Teachers, | Scholars, | Bible Classes, | Prayer Meetings. | | Contributions. Benevolent. | Contributions. Local. | N. Carolina College, |
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| Rev. WILLIAM ARTZ, | 1 | 10 | 00 | 000 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | 600 | |
| " JOHN D. SCHECK, | 2 | 10 | 00 | 300 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 00 | | 6 | 3 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | | | | | |
| " J. H. MENGERT, | 1 | 18 | 00 | 82 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | 5 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 00 | 00 | | | 6000 | |
| " JACOB CRIM, | 1 | 13 | 11 | 65 | 7 | 00 | 00 | 4 | 00 | 6 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | | 180 |
| " JOSEPH A. LINN, | 3 | 23 | 28 | 418 | 70 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 00 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 160 | 00 | 3 | | | | |
| " J. B. ANTHONY, | 2 | 10 | 00 | 490 | 00 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 00 | 2 | 00 | 00 | 3 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 | | | 21 | |
| " SIMEON SCHERER, | 2 | 7 | 4 | 48 | 3 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | | |
| " L. C. GROSECLOSE, | 2 | 20 | 3 | 235 | 3 | 00 | 4 | 00 | 00 | 20 | 3 | 00 | 2 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 2 | | | 90 | |
| " G. D. BERNHEIM, | 0 | 27 | 1 | 000 | 14 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 3 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | 200 | |
| " B. C. HALL, | 3 | 23 | 0 | 126 | 3 | 1 | 00 | 5 | 2 | 00 | 2 | 00 | 2 | 10 | 70 | 1 | 2 | | | 10 | 00 |
| " JOHN S. HEILIG, | 2 | 21 | 00 | 253 | 00 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 00 | 7 | 3 | 00 | 2 | 8 | 78 | 00 | 00 | | | 25 | 00 |
| " D. I. DREHER, | 1 | 23 | 00 | 254 | 7 | 00 | 2 | 6 | 00 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 85 | 00 | 1 | | | 134 | 13 |
| " A. PHILLIPPI, | 1 | 5 | 2 | 30 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 9 | 00 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | | | 25 | 50 |
| " S. ROTHROCK, | 2 | 43 | 1 | 571 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 6 | 00 | 26 | 2 | 00 | 2 | 10 | 95 | 00 | 0 | | | | |
| " W. A. JULIAN, | 3 | 10 | 15 | 232 | 5 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 4 | 2 | 00 | 2 | 20 | 150 | 00 | 2 | | | 105 | 05 |
| " W. KIMBALL, | 4 | 00 | 00 | 60 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 3 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 4 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 | | | | |
| " A. GRIMES, | 1 | 00 | 00 | 4 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | | |
| " 2 V. Congregations, | 8 | 00 | 00 | 774 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | | |
| Total, | 38 | 253 | 65 | 3942 | 114 | 7 | 26 | 50 | 2 | 102 | 28 | 4 | 29 | 80 | 595 | 2 | 17 | | | $7045 | 178 55 |

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of Synod be required to report the number of communicants of vacant charges in the Table of Parochial Reports, and if no other correct source of information can be obtained, he be instructed to insert the parochial report of the previous year.

## REPORT NO. 1.

The Chairman of the Delegates of the North Carolina Synod to the General Synod, convened in Pittsburgh, June, 1859, reports:

That your delegates attended the last meeting of this body, and were cordially received, duly accredited and participated, to some extent, in the deliberations of said body. We deem an extended report uncalled for, as most, if not all, the ministers of this Synod have doubtless received a copy of the printed minutes of that body; and, as a committee will be appointed to examine said minutes, a more extended report is deemed unnecessary.

Our travelling expenses to and from Pittsburgh, amounted to $45.95 each, and we received from the committee on mileage $49.80; due General Synod $3.85 cents. This report embodies the expenses of Rev. Joseph A. Linn, L. C. Groseclose and Benjamin F. Fraley, who stopped at Salisbury.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE.

## REPORT NO. 2.

Your delegate to the South Carolina Synod, which convened October 27th, 1859, in Beth Eden Church, Newberry District—

Takes pleasure in reporting, that though a stranger to most of the brethren, composing that body he was cordially received as Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of North Carolina, and invited to a participation in their deliberations. A spirit of general harmony seemed to pervade the Synod.—Much business, chiefly of a local nature, was transacted, as may be seen by referring to their printed minutes.

Newberry College seems to be in quite a flourishing condition. The inauguration of Rev. T. Stork, D. D., as President, of the College, and Mr. Garlington, Professor of Mathematics, and also, the inauguration of J. A. Brown, D. D., Professor of Theology, in the Seminary, took place during the meeting of Synod.

This Synod has a great work to do, and its members seem to be actively engaged in its performance. The cause of Home Missions is receiving prompt and active attention; and the cause of general benevolence appears to be steadily increasing. Rev. T. S. Boinest was appointed Delegate to this Synod, and Dr. Brown, as Delegate from the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary to attend this meeting of our Synod. Both of whom we are pleased to see in our midst. My expenses amounted to $10.90.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the above expenses.

Motion to adjourn, till to-morrow morning 8½ o'clock, was carried. Closed with a benediction.

Rev. Whitson Kimball preached at night from Romans 8: 28—"We know that all things work together for good, to them that love God."

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## SECOND SESSION.

*Friday Morning* 8½, *May* 4.

Synod met, and after spending the usual time in devotional exercises, was opened with prayer by the President. Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The President announced the Standing Committees which are as follows:

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev's D. H. Bittle, Levi C. Groseclose, and Mr. J. A. Troutman.

2. *On Petitions and Vacancies.*—Rev's G. D. Bernheim, J. B. Anthony, and Jacob File, Esq.

3. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev's William Artz, William A. Julian, and Mr. J. Lutz.

4. *On the State of our Finance.*—Rev's John S. Heilig, B. C. Hall, and Mr. H. Kime.

5. *On the State of Religion.*—Rev's John D. Scheck, Jacob Crim, and Mr. John Wagner.

6. *On Proceedings of Conferential Meetings.*—Rev's Samuel Rothrock, J. Swicegood, and Alexander Swicegood.

*On Education.*—Rev's Joseph A. Linn, A. Phillippi, and Mr. J. E. Moose.

The delegate of Rev. Jacob Crim, appeared, presented his credentials, and was admitted a member of this Synod.

The delegate of Rev. J. H. Mengert, presented his credentials, and was received as a member of this Synod.

Rev. J. B. Anthony presented a certificate of honorable dismission from the Melanthan Synod, asking admission into our body. The request was granted, and the name of the applicant was placed upon our Clerical Roll.

## REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee to whom was referred the President's Report, with accompanying documents, beg leave to present the following:

We find but two recommendations in the Report of the President.

*First.* The excusing of brother Lentz; and *secondly*, the reading of father Grimes' letter, with immediate action by Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That both these recommendations be complied with.

In the accompanying papers, we find a letter from Professor L. A. Bikle, asking to be excused for absence from Synod, on the plea of official engagements.

2. *Resolved*, That Professor Bikle be excused.

3. *Resolved*, That every minister feel it his duty to make none but such arrangements with any charge as will favor permanency in his pastoral relation, in order to discourage, as much as possible, the tendency to itinerancy in our Synod.

We are much pleased with the Report of the President, and recommend that it be inserted in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
D. H. BITTLE,
L. C. GROSECLOSE,
JOHN A. TROUTMAN.

The above report was presented and considered by items, and adopted as inserted.

Synod now took a recess till after divine service.

Rev. A. GRIMES preached the eleven o'clock sermon, from Heb. 11: 8. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness, which is by faith."

*Afternoon, May* 4.

Business was again resumed.

The letter of Rev. A. Grimes to the President, was read in the presence of Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That a collection be lifted to-morrow after divine service, for the benefit of Rev. A. GRIMES and Rev. Mr. SLOOP.

Prof. BITTLE and Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM, were appointed a committee to lift said collection.

4. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws to organize a society for the relief of superannuated and disabled ministers and their families.

Rev. J. B. Anthony, Samuel Rothrock and Jos. A. Linn, were appointed to carry out the above resolution.

## REPORT NO. 4.

*Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.*

Your committee has had but two documents placed in their hands; the first from St. Mark's Church, in Charlotte, praying to have their Pastor continued to them. This request we refer to the Ministerium, and their request for aid in the support of their Pastor, we refer to the Missionary Society.

The other is a request from St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, desiring this body to hold its next Annual Meeting in that place. They also desire this Synod to pass a resolution recommending the claims of their Church to the benevolent consideration of the Lutheran Church in our bounds, both of which we refer to the action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
G. D. BERNHEIM,
J. B. ANTHONY,
JACOB LUTZ.

The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Financial Committee.

5. *Resolved*, That the Delegates from South Carolina be invited to make such remarks as they may desire.

Rev. T. S. Boinest rose and made some interesting remarks respecting the welfare of our Church in North and South Carolina, and the propriety of having but one College and one Seminary between the two Synods.

Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., then rose and made some very appropriate remarks on the same subject, especially that part referring to the Theological Seminary, urging that it was desirable to have one well conducted Seminary to meet the wants of Newberry, North Carolina and Roanoke Colleges, and asking our co-operation in behalf of their Seminary.

*Resolved*, That the President of Synod appoint a committee to draw up a report on the subject referred to in the remarks of the Delegates from South Carolina, and that the committee report in the morning, and that the report be made the special order of business on to-morrow.

7. *Resolved*, That the Pastorates known as St. Paul's and Bethel, and that of Salem and Luther Chapel, be dissolved.

8. *Resolved*, That Luther Chapel and St. Paul's Rowan County, constitute a Pastorate, and that Bethel and Salem Churches constitute another Pastorate.

9. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to make provision to have the vacant Churches in the bounds of our Synod supplied with occasional preaching, and the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

Rev's L. C. Groseclose, J. S. Heilig and J. B. Anthony, committee.

## REPORT NO. 6.

Your Corresponding Secretary in presenting his Report, would state, that copies of the minutes of but few of our Synods reached him during the past year. Therefore, in compiling his report, he has had mainly to rely upon oth-sources of information. From the various accounts published through our religious papers and other channels of communication, our Church, as a whole, appears to be in a prosperous condition, and also, progressive. In many places extensive revivals of religion have been enjoyed, which, by divine blessing, have resulted in the increase and furtherance of the kingdom of the Great Redeemer. Our Church is evidently advancing in piety, intelligence and liberality. She is actively engaged in the work of Church Extension, and liberal in the support of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Literary Institutions, for the education of her sons and daughters, have been, and are still being established and duly fostered; and Theological Seminaries for the training of pious young men for the ministry, have been reared in various localities, and piously remembered in her prayers.

We now number in this country thirty-six Synods; 1193 Ministers; 2279 Congregations, and 232,780 Communicants. She also numbers ten Theological Seminaries for the theologicol training of candidates for the Ministry; 11 Colleges, and an equal or greater number of Academies, for the education of her sons, and eleven Female Seminaries, for the education of her daughters.

There are also published in the country, as channels of communicating religious intelligence, nineteen periodicals, viz: Six in the English language; eleven in the German; one in the Swedish, and one in the Norwegian.

From a general review of the condition of the Church, there appears to be abundant reason for gratitude to God for his great goodness, and ample encouragement for diligent and zealous effort for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK.

Rev. William Artz, in the Chair.

10. *Resolved*, That Rev. William Artz, John D. Scheck, Samuel Rothrock, and A. Grimes, constitute a committee to draft some suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. Jacob Scherer, and report the same at this meeting of Synod.

Motion to adjourn till to-morrow morning 8½ o'clock, was carried. Prayer by the President.

Rev. A. Phillippi preached at candle-lighting, from Mark 8: 36: "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul."

## THIRD SESSION.

*Saturday Morning, May 5.*

Some time was spent in devotional exercises, and Synod opened with prayer by Rev. T. S. Boinest. The roll was called, and minutes of previous session read and adopted.

Dr. E. Smith, the delegate of Rev. W. Kimball, appeared, presented his certificate, and took his seat as a member of this Synod.

## REPORT NO. 7.

After some discussion, the following was adopted as the reports of the special committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the propositions tendered to this body by the Delegates from South Carolina, would submit the following:

Whereas, we have heard with pleasure the statements of Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., Corresponding Delegate from the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, at Newberry, South Carolina, and of Rev. T. S. Boinest, Corresponding Delegate of the Synod of South Carolina; and whereas we have ever opposed in spirit, the multiplication of Theological Seminaries in our Church, as well as the introduction of a Theological Department into our College, therefore—

*Resolved*, That we cordially agree with the sentiments as expressed by the delegation from South Carolina, in the promotion of the interests of the Theological Seminary of our sister Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That we manifest our co-operation with the Board of said Seminary, by the renewal of our former connection with it, in the annual payment of the interest of our Seminary fund, and the election of a Director in said Board.

3. *Resolved*, That we will recommend all our Theological students to pursue their studies in said Seminary, and instruct the Faculty and Trustees of our College to do the same.

4. *Resolved*, That we cordially unite with the Synod of South Carolina in inviting the co-operation of the Synod of Western Virginia in the support of our Theological Seminary at Newberry, South Carolina.

In reference to a Lutheran Church Paper, in the South, we submit the following:

Whereas, we regard the publication of a weekly Church Paper as highly important and necessary to meet the wants of our Church at the South, and the interests of our Southern Educational enterprises; and whereas, in the establishment of such a paper, it is important to its success, that the confidence and support of the whole Church in the South be secured; and, whereas, we regard some point in our State as a central locality, and advantageous in other respects; therefore

5. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with a simi-

lar committee from the Synods of South Carolina and Western Virginia, in regard to the location and establishment of a Southern paper.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. LINN,
G. D. BERNHEIM,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK.

Committee—Rev's J. A. Linn, S. Rothrock, G. D. Bernheim.

On motion, the committee on the above report were appointed to meet the Synod of South Carolina and Western Virginia, in order to carry out the objects contemplated in the fourth and fifth resolutions of that report.

The delegate of Rev. J. S. Heilig, Thomas J. Dotson, Rev. L. C. Groseclose and Rev. J. Crim, were excused till Monday, and Rev. Joseph A. Linn, excused for Monday.

Synod took a recess till after divine service. Rev. J. B. Anthony preached the eleven o'clock sermon from Numbers 22: 32: "Behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me."

*Afternoon, May 5.*

After one hour's recess, Synod resumed its business.

## REPORT NO. 8.

The committee on the Conferential Proceedings, would present the following:

*The Central Conference*—This Conference held four regular meetings during the year, at which the usual routine of business was transacted. At its meeting on the fifth Sunday in May, 1859, pursuant to a resolution of our Ministerium, Rev. William A. Julian, a Licentiate of our Synod, was by prayer and the imposition of hands, regularly ordained and set apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

At its last meeting in April, it was recommended that Luther Chapel and St. Paul's Church, in Rowan County, be associated together as a pastorate, and made arrangement for the partial supply of said Churches, until the next meeting of Conference.

2. *Western Conference.*—This Conference held three regular meetings during the past year, and appeared to be actively and zealously engaged in the great work of doing good. At its meeting in Charlotte, last July, it resolved to raise within its bounds, during the year $500 for Home Missions. Such zeal is commendable and praiseworthy. At its meeting in Catawba, at Roseman's Stand, in April last, the Conference entered into a lenghty conversational interchange of views on the doctrines and usages of the Church.—"The use of the Liturgy was made a topic of a deeply interesting conversation, and the idea of its introduction into our public worship, was well received."

3. *Eastern Conference.*—This body assembled and organised in St. Paul's Church, Alamance County, February 25, 1860. After a fraternal interchange of views, the following arrangement of Pastorates was recommended, viz:—That Sandy Creek, Pilgrim and Beck's Churches, form a Pastorate; and that Zion and Immanuel Churches, in Davidson County, and Hopewell, Shiloh and Nazareth Churches, in Forsyth County, form a Pastorate. The Charge formerly known as the "Guilford Charge," has been divided into two charges, to be known in future as the Guilford and Alamance Pastorates. This Conference appears to have all the vacancies within its bounds supplied.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
JOHN SWICEGOOD,
ALEX. SWICEGOOD.

## REPORT NO. 9.

The committee on the state of Religion within the bounds of this Synod, beg leave to present the following brief report:

They have read with no ordinary gratification the written narratives furnished them, which represent the different pastorates as being in a prosperous condition. The Great Head of the Church has owned his instrumentalities, in the conversion of the impenitent, edifying the hearts of his people, and at the same time, strengthening the hearts of his ministering servants. Your committee were particularly gratified to learn, that the spirit of revivals has not disappeared from our Zion. Not a few are reported, as having passed from death unto life, and now stand forth as witnesses for God, and the truth of his Word. But whilst your committee would bless the Lord, for the success with which he has crowned our labors, they feel greatly humbled in view of our many destitutions; and would devoutly unite with their brethren, in fervently imploring "The Lord of the harvest" to raise up, qualify and send forth more "laborers into his vineyard."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
JACOB CRIM,
JOHN WAGNER,

Prof. BITTLE in the Chair.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, GREETING:—Time in its onward course has brought us through the recess of another Synod, and we are again assembled in the capacity of a deliberative, ecclesiastical body, at the time and place appointed for our annual meeting. We are here in circumstances of health and comfort to transact business pertaining to the kingdom of God and the salvation of souls. As our labors and toils, so our pleasures and sorrows for the past year are ended, and not one of our Ministers has fallen from our ranks; though many of our dear lay-members have closed their eyes in death, and have gone from the Church militant on earth, to join the Church redeemed and triumphant in heaven. How it will be with us; whether we shall be among the living in Jerusalem (above,) or in this world when this Synod meets

again, is to us altogether unknown and uncertain. He whose existence is an eternal now, and who inspired the prophets with his own spirit to know the future, He only can declare the end from the beginning; and as in ancient days, the things which are yet to be; He only knows who of us will be present at our next meeting. But in passing from the close of one to the commencement of another Synodical year, and to us in its unknown events, whether prosperous or adverse, it is meet for us to present to God the offering of a truly thankful heart for the past, and of earnest prayers and supplications for the aid of his grace and Spirit, and of renewed purposes of devotion to his cause and service for the future. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever." "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so; whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord." And accept, O God of grace, for daily favors,

> Which now and ever prompt to good endeavors,
> Our offered thanks, and may their incense rise
> By love's pure flame enkindled from the skies."

In making my official report, on this occasion, as required by the constitution, I would inform the Synod, that agreeably to an arrangement made at its last meeting for the licensure of Mr. L. A. Bikle and Mr. A. Phillippi, I attended in the city of Charlotte, in May last, and on the 28th of that month, these brethren were solemnly and formally invested with the office of the Gospel Ministry, in the Lutheran Church in that place. I was assisted on the occasion, by the Rev. D. H. Bittle, President of North Carolina College, and the Rev. Jacob Crim.

Rev. B. C. Hall, writing under date of the 22nd of September says: "I have received and accepted a call from the Guilford Charge, consisting of three Churches, Lou's, Coble's and Richland."

The Rev. John D. Scheck, under date of March 6, 1860, says: "I have deferred writing you on the subject of my settlement in this part of the Church, until the Eastern Conference could be organised, and the newly formed pastorates named by authority. The Ministers and their delegates assembled at St. Paul's Church on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in February, and was formed by the election of officers, &c. The newly formed Pastorates were named, and the one composed of Frieden's and St. Paul's, of which I have charge, is now known as the "Alamance Charge," and as such, I now report to you as President of the Synod."

Rev. William Gerhardt, writing under date of 21st of October, says:— "I have resigned the Mount Carmel Congregation. It is expected that you will take charge of it when you remove to Cabarrus." I have accordingly done so from January first, 1860.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim, informed me in November last, that he had resigned the Pastoral care of St. John's and Bear Creek Churches, and accepted the financial agency of North Carolina College, located at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County.

The Rev. J. B. Anthony, late of Lovettesville, Virginia, informed me ver-

bally, in February last, that he had taken charge of the above named Churches, January 1st, 1860.

December 24th, brother Whitson Kimball, of Rowan County, being recommended by several of the brethren, as a man of good moral character, piety and of promising talent, was admitted to an examination with a view to his licensure. Brother Kimball having sustained a satisfactory examination, chiefly on experimental and practical piety and doctrines of the Bible, was duly authorized to officiate as a minister of the Gospel in the Lutheran Church in this State until the present meeting of the Synod.

Since the above, Rev. W. Kimball writes, that he has accepted a call from the Forsythe and Davidson charge, consisting of the following Churches: Shiloh, Nazareth, and Hopewell Churches in Forsythe county; Zion and Immanuel Churches in Davidson county.

In January last, I received a letter from Rev. John L. Smithdeal, requesting a certificate of withdrawal from this Synod, in order to unite with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, and informing me of his having accepted a call to a pastoral charge within the bounds of that Synod.

In compliance with his request, the desired certificate was forwarded, dated January 9th, 1860.

Rev. J. Crim, writing under date of the 9th of February, says: "I took charge of Salem Church in September last, but according to this arrangement, the engagement is only a temperary one, and will end with April next. However, I have been preaching all the time in four other Churches."

Rev. C. Lentz, with regard to existing relations toward this Synod, writes from Lavaca county, Texas, thus: "Distance and a variety of circumstances render it inconvenient to attend the next meeting of your Synod, I hereby tender to you, as President, and the rest of my friends, my best wishes; and hope it will be the pleasure of Synod to excuse me for absence at your next meeting." I recommend that he be excused.

Rev. A. Grimes. His parochial report; his excuse for absence from this meeting of Synod, should he not be present by reason of old age, and personal infirmities; his needy and suffering condition, and that of his aged companion, together with his earnest application for assistance, I refer to the Synod, i. e., I recommend the reading of his letter to Synod and request its most favorable action in behalf of our aged and very needy brother in Christ.

During the past year our ministers, generally, have been actively engaged in the work of the Lord. Several congregations have been graciously visited by the outpouring of God's Spirit, and our Church is increasing.

Our institutions of learning and piety; especially our beloved College, situated at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, is flourishing and its prospects brightening.

The past Synodical year, and indeed since the year 1852, is a period marked in the history of our Church in this State, for ministerial changes and removals.

That a change is sometimes necessary is admitted, but that frequent, and continual changes are necessary for the good and prosperity of the Church is

not so obvious, however, they may be for the pecuniary advantage of some ministers and the detriment of others.

They are at this time doing as much as any thing else to beget in the bosom of the Church a preference for the itinerancy and its appendages, which may in time lead to its actual introduction.

In conclusion, I resign the office, and tender to the Synod my sincere thanks for the trust you committed to me. May God our Saviour, the Sovereign and Gracious Head of the Church, crown our present meeting with His presence and blessing, that our counsels and deliberations may subserve the glory of his Kingdom; the salvation of souls and the interests of our beloved Zion, is the prayer of your unworthy servant in the Lord.

WILLIAM ARTZ, *President.*

## REPORT NO. 10.

### MEMORIAL OF REV. FATHER JACOB SCHERER, DECEASED, MARCH ——, 1860.

The Committee, appointed to prepare a memorial for the adoption of this Synod, in reference to our Rev. Father in Israel, JACOB SCHERER, who, for nearly half a century, was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and ministry in the State of North Carolina, and who afterwards lived and died in the Lord in the State of Texas, would present the following:

*Resolved*, That his memory be long cherished and respected among us;—that his exemplary activity and devotedness to the interests and prosperity of the Church, of which he was a faithful and efficient Minister to the end of his life, is worthy of imitation; that the intelligence of his death is recorded by us with feelings of sorrow, and that we mingle our sympathies and condolence with the Church and his family in their bereavement.

"Blessed are the dead," even they who have lived and "died in the Lord, yea saith the spirit; for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ARTZ,
J. D. SCHECK,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
ADAM GRIMES.

The above report was adopted by rising in silence.

## REPORT NO. 11.

The Committee, whose duty it was made to report on unfinished business in the Minutes of last year, would present the following: That they find nothing demanding the attention of this Synod, except on page 23, a resolution as follows:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of visitation to Glen Anna Female Seminary be appointed; that said committee consist of Revs. L. C. Groseclose, D. H. Bittle, and J. A. Linn, and that they report to the next meeting of Synod."

We recommend that the committee now tender to Synod their report.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ARTZ,
W. A. JULIAN,
J. LENTZ.

The Visiting Committee referred to in the above report, made a verbal statement, which was received, and the committee discharged.

The Rev. J. R. Sikes of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

On motion, Synod went into an election for delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod, and the following were elected principals:

Rev. John S. Heilig,
" Daniel I. Dreher,
" G. D. Bernheim.

And the following elected alternates:

Rev. J. B. Anthony,
" D. H. Bittle,
" John D. Scheck.

Lay Delegates to General Synod—principal,

J. H. Thompson, Esq.,
Dr. E. Smith,
J. E. Moose, Esq.

Alternates are the following:

Mr. R. Winecoff,
" H. B. Eilers,
" P. A. Seaford.

An election for Corresponding Delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, resulted in the choice of Rev. J. A. Linn, and Rev. J. B. Anthony, his alternate.

An election for delegate to the next meeting of the Western Virginia Synod, resulted in the choice of Rev. D. H. Bittle, and Rev. G. D. Beinheim, his alternate.

An election was also held for four Trustees in North Carolina College—two Clergymen and two Lay-men, to serve for three years. The following is the result:

Rev. J. B. Anthony,
" D. I. Dreher.
Lay-men,
M. Barrier, Esq.,
Dr. J. E. McEachern.

11. *Resolved*, That our delegate to the South Carolina Synod be empowered to act as our representative in the Board of Directors in the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina.

Rev. Adam Grimes was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Synod.

Adjourned till Monday morning 8½ o'clock. Prayer by Bro. B. C. Hall.

Rev. W. Gerhardt preached at night, from 2 Cor. 13: 14. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."

## SUNDAY EXERCISES.

A large concourse of persons assembled in the grove, under the commodious shingled arbor, and in its immediate vicinity.

Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D., preached the morning sermon, 1 Cor. 1: 23. "We preach Christ." After which the elements, intended for the holy communion, were consecrated by the President—the members of Synod and other followers of Christ, celebrated his dying love; and we trust, many rejoiced "As seeing him who is invisible."

In the afternoon, Rev. T. S. Boinest, preached from Matt. 21: 28. "Son go work to-day in my vineyard."

In the evening, at candle-lighting, Rev. J. R. Sikes addressed the people from Mark 16: 15. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

On the same evening, Rev. J. D. Scheck preached at "Yadkin Institute," from Rom. 1: 16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Thus ended the labors of this holy day, and may the divine blessing rest upon them.

## FOURTH SESSION.

Monday Morning, 8½ o'clock, May 7th.

Synod met and was opened in the usual form.

The roll was called, minutes read and adopted.

The committee appointed to superintend a collection for the benefit of Revs. Grimes and Sloop, made a verbal report as follows: amount received for Rev. Adam Grimes, $29,60; amount received for Rev. William C. Sloop, $17,20.

James Williford, Esq., Dr. E. Smith, Kistler and J. E. Moose, delegates of Revs. Dreher, Kimball, Crim and Groseclose, were excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Synod, after the close of this morning's session. The delegate of Rev. B. C. Hall, was also excused.

## REPORT NO. 12.

The Treasurer of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina would respectfully submit the following report:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Whole amount received last Synod, | | $105 55 |
| Paid J. J. Bruner for printing Minutes, | $ 95 00 | |
| Paid Rev. D. I. Dreher travelling expenses to S. C. Synod, | 11 50 | |
| Paid Rev. S. Rothrock travelling expenses to Tenn. Synod, | 8 70 | |
| Balance due Treasurer last Synod, | 8 47 | |
| | 123 67 | |
| Whole amount as per last Synod | 105 55 | |
| Leaving a balance due your Treasurer of | | $18 12 |

The Treasurer would further report a balance in his hands collected to defray expenses of delegates to the General Synod of forty-two dollars, thirty-one and a half cents, ($42 31½.)

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

The committee to audit the Treasurer's report have attended to the duty assigned them, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Heilig,
B. C. Hall,
Henry Kime.

## REPORT NO. 13.

The committee on Education would report, that they have had placed in their hands the Report of the President of Trustees of North Carolina College, from which they would submit the following:

Our College, yet in its infancy, and laboring under great difficulties in its commencement, is now in a more prosperous condition than ever. There

being sixty-two students at present in course of study, with flattering prospects of increasing to a much larger number.

We express our entire confidence in the Faculty of said College as an able corps of Teachers, operating harmoniously, and securing the confidence and esteem of all the students.

Two additional buildings have been erected, embracing two Literary Halls, Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus, Library rooms and others, at a cost of $8000, with some additional expenses incurred by guttering the Buildings, running partition walls in the main Building; opening flues, for the extended and more comfortable accommodation of students.

Seemingly, at the commencement of the College session, owing to the small number of students, there was no necessity for these buildings, yet, before their completion, they were very much needed.

The Board of Trustees have elected and empowered the Rev. G. D. Bernheim as their Financial Agent for one year.

He commenced his agency in December last, and has prosecuted it with energy and success in procuring subscriptions, money, students, books and minerals.

The amount of funds already secured, he will be able to report to your body.

We earnestly solicit the co-operation of all the members of this Synod, and friends of the Institution, with our agent, in the collection of funds, so as to liquidate the liabilities of said Institution, at as early a day as possible.

The Inaugural Address of the President of the College, Rev. D. H. Bittle, will be delivered at the close of the present session in July.

Your committee are also pleased to find a general interest manifested in the Church upon the subject of female education, and it is hoped the Church will make such provision as to meet this growing demand.

We would recommend to this body the propriety of taking the initiatory steps for the establishment of a Female Institution.

Your committee would submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure and increased encouragement, the report of the President of Board of Trustees of N. C. College, in regard to the prosperous and promising condition of our beloved Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend a hearty and united co-operation in advancing the interests of our College, in procuring for it students and money, and by encouraging its Financial Agent.

And, whereas, there are in our several charges young men of piety and talent, who are unable to devote themselves to a preparation for the gospel ministry, for the want of means;

And, whereas, this body is now in the possession of an educational fund:—therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod proceed to take the necessary steps for the re-organization of the Education Society, formerly existing in our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LINN,
A. PHILLIPPI,
J. E. MOOSE.

On the adoption of the above, the following resolutions were passed.

12. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to report, at the next meeting of our Synod, a plan for the successful establishment of a Female Institution within the bounds of our Synod.

Revs. L. C. Groseclose, D. I. Dreher and A. Phillippi, were appointed to carry out the above resolution.

13. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a plan for the promotion of Beneficiary Education, and report at our next Synod.

Revs. S. Rothrock, J. A. Linn and William Artz, were appointed to prepare the plan on Beneficiary Education.

## REPORT NO. 14.

The committee on Finance, beg leave to present the following Synodical Contributions:

*Rev. Jacob Crim's Charge.*

| | | |
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| Salem, | $1 60 | |
| Jerusalem, | 1 00 | |
| St. Matthew's, | 1 00 | —— 3 60 |

*Rev. A. Phillippi's Charge.*

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| St. Mark's, | 1 00 | —— 1 00 |

*Rev. B. C. Hall's Charge.*

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| Lou's, | 1 55 | |
| Richland, | 25 | |
| Zion, | 60 | —— 2 40 |

*Rev. John S. Heilig's Charge.*

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| St. Enoch, | 3 50 | |
| Trinity, | 3 00 | —— 6 50 |

*Rev. Joseph A. Linn's Charge.*

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| St. Stephen's, | 4 00 | |
| Luther's, | 2 00 | |
| St. Metthew's, | 4 00 | —— 10 00 |

*Rev. Whitson Kimball's Charge.*

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| Zion, | 1 00 | |
| Hopewell, | 98 | |
| Nazareth, | 85 | |
| Shiloh, | 96 | —— 3 79 |

*Rev. John D. Scheck's Charge.*

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| Frieden's | 3 33 | |
| St. Paul's, | 2 00 | —— 5 33 |

*Rev. Simeon Scherer's Charge.*

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|---|---|---|
| Newton, | 2 00 | |
| Stand, | 1 00 | —— 3 00 |
| | | $35 62 |

Amount brought forward from page 22, $35 62

*Rev. J. B. Anthony's Charge.*

St. John's, ..... 10 00
Bethel, ..... 1 75—11 75

*Rev. Samuel Rothrock's Charge.*

Organ Church, ..... 12 00
St. Peter's, ..... 3 00—15 00

*Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Charge.*

St. John's, ..... 3 00
Union, ..... 6 40——9 40

*Rev. John H. Mengert's Charge.*

St. Paul's, ..... 4 60——4 60

*Rev. Daniel I. Dreher's Charge.*

St. James', ..... 5 00——5 00

*Rev. William Artz' Charge.*

Mount Carmel, ..... 2 00——2 00

*Rev. William A. Julian's Charge.*

Sandy Creek, ..... 4 10
Beck's, ..... 2 15
Pilgrim, ..... 2 00——8 25

*Vacant Congregations.*

Luther's Chapel, ..... 3 50
St. Paul's, Rowan, ..... 2 00
Rev. John Swicegood, ..... 23——2 23

Total amount, ..... $100 35

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. HEILIG,
B. C. HALL,
HENRY KIME.

Money in the above report was ordered to be handed over to Rev. J. B. Anthony, for the purpose of handing it to the Treasurer, and taking his bond.

Motion to adjourn till after the meeting of the Synodical Missionary Society, was carried.

Prof. Bittle preached the eleven o'clock sermon from Mark 16: 15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

*Afternoon, May 7.*

Synod resumed business.

The Pastor of the Church, at Wilmington, Rev. J. H. Men-

GERT, submitted by request the following, showing the Financial condition of the Church under his charge:

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| Cost of church lot, | $5,700 00 |
| Estimated cost of Church edifice, | 7,500 00 |
| | $13,200 00 |
| Of this sum, there has been received and paid, | 6,200 00 |
| Amount yet required to complete and pay for the building, | $7,000 00 |

The Pastor adds in making the above statement, "our indebtednass, at the present, is about $3450, namely, $2,700 on the adjoining lot which we were compelled to purchase, and $750 on the Church as it *now* stands. If we are to complete the Church before next meeting of Synod, we must before then, raise the sum of $3,600; and even, then, there will be a debt of $3,500 remaining.

The above calculation is made on the supposition that the Church is to be finished in the simplest style passible. No allowance is made for fencing in the lot, or for the introduction of gas, &c. So that you see we are greatly in need of help from the Churches belonging to our Synod."

Shall our worthy brother plead in vain for his infant and needy congregation? Shall the want of a few thousand dollars retard the good work, already begun, with so much prospect of success, in planting a Lutheran Church on the sea board, and in the largest city of the old North State? Surely such will not be the case. Let Pastors and people strive to excel in contributing to this very laudable undertaking.

14. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the enterprise of our Missionary at Wilmington, Rev. J. H. MENGERT, and that we further manifest our sympathy by bringing the condition of his Church building to the notice of our several congregations, with a view of affording material aid.

An election was now held for the place of our next meeting, which resulted in favor of Wilmington, N. C.

15. *Resolved*, That we meet in Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday before the first Sunday in May, 1861.

16. *Resolved*, That fifteen hundred copies of our minutes be published.

17. *Resolved*, That the minutes of the Synodical Missionary Society, be appended to the minutes of Synod.

18. *Resolved*, That the President, at the next public occasion, tender the thanks of this Synod, to the friends in this community for the very kind and hospitable manner we have been entertained during our stay among them.

## REPORT NO. 15.

The committee on vacancies would respectfully report the following appointments:

IREDELL CHARGE.

*St. Michael's Church.*—Second Sunday in June, Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

*St. Michael's Church.*—Second Sunday in October, Revs. Samuel Rothrock, and Jacob Crim.

*St. Paul's Church.*—Third Sunday in June, Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

*St. Paul's Church.*—Third Sunday in September, Rev's Joseph A. Linn, and William Gerhardt.

*St. Paul's Church, (Rowan.)*—Communion meeting in May, Rev. Daniel I. Dreher.

*St. Paul's Church, (Rowan.)*—Mommunion meeting the first Sunday in September, Rev. J. B. Anthony and L. C. Groseclose.

*Bethel Church, (Rowan.)*—Communion third Sunday in June, Rev's John S. Heilig and William A. Julian.

*Luther Chapel.*—Communion third Sunday in June, Rev's J. B. Anthony, and L. C. Groseclose. Communion third Sunday in September—Rev's William Artz and D. H. Bittle.

Your committee also offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the Conferences endeavor to make arrangements to supply the above churches with monthly preaching, if practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
J. B. ANTHONY.
JOHN S. HEILIG.

Rev. T. S. Boinest, the Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, made some observations respecting the relation and mutual friendship existing between the two Synods, on taking leave for home.

Dr. Brown also made some remarks at the pleasure afforded him, during his sojourn with us.

To both of these gentlemen, the President responded with a few reciprocal remarks of friendship and kind regards.

19. *Resolved*, That when we adjourn, we stand adjourned to meet at the time and place above named.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. William Artz.

DANIEL I. DREHER,
*Secretary of Synod.*

# MINUTES OF MINISTERIUM.

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*Friday Afternoon, 4 P. M., May 4th.*

The Ministerium of the North Carolina Synod met and was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. J. B. Anthony.

On motion, the Sermons and Journals of licentiates were referred to committees, and are as follows:

1. Sermon and Journal of Rev. A. Phillippi, to Revs. J. D. Scheck and William Gerhardt.

2. Sermon and Journal of Rev. L. A. Bikle, to Revs. J. H. Mengert and L. C. Groseclose.

3. Sermon and Journal of Rev. W. Kimball, to Revs. J. B. Anthony and William Artz.

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the licentiates.

Revs. J. A. Brown, D. D., J. H. Mengert and Wm. Artz, were appointed said committee.

The examination of the Rev. A. Phillippi was deferred till after the report on his Sermon and Journal.

The committee proceeded to the examination of Rev. Whitson Kimball.

The examination was suspended, and the Ministerium adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Prayer by the Rev. William Artz.

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## SECOND SESSION.

*Saturday Evening, 4 P. M., May 5th.*

Ministerium was opened with prayer by Dr. Brown.

Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The examination of Rev. W. Kimball was resumed by the committee.

2. *Resolved*, That the examination be sustained, and that Rev. W. Kimball receive a license to preach and administer the ordinances of the Church for one year.

## REPORT NO. 1.

The committee to whom were referred the Sermon and Journal of Rev. W. Kimball, beg leave to submit the following report:

The sermon is well written and shows ability in its composition. We are encouraged, by the composition of this sermon, to hope that by perseverance our young brother may be able to compose well.

His Journal is very short, but gives a very plain and faithful account of his labors during the time of his ministry. He has been actively employed in the work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ANTHONY,
WILLIAM ARTZ.

The Rev. James R. Sikes, an ordained Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was admitted to a colloquium, with a view of connecting himself with this Ministerium.

## REPORT NO. 2.

The committee to whom were referred the Sermon and Journal of Bro. A. Phillippi, would respectfully report the following:

His Journal gives gratifying evidence of zeal and industry in his labors.

His two sermons, one on Mark 8: 16, and the other on Ps. 149: 2, are very creditable, both as to style and arrangement, and are evangelical as to doctrine.

We recommend the renewal of his license.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
W. GERHARDT.

3. *Resolved*, That the license of Rev. A. Phillippi be renewed for one year.

## REPORT NO. 3.

Your committee, to whom were referred the Journal, Sermon and Sketches of Bro. Bickle, beg leave to report:

That they have carefully examined said papers, and from them, obtained evidence that Bro. Bickle has faithfully improved the frequent opportunities given him, to preach a crucified Saviour. His sermon and sketches, in particular, give evidence, that he is a workman, that needeth not to be ashamed. Your committee, therefore, recommend that his license be renewed.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. MENGERT,
L. C. GROSECLOSE.

4. *Resolved*, That the license of Rev. L. A. Bickle be renewed for one year.

The Ministerium adjourned to meet on Monday morning, 7½ A. M. Prayer by Bro. Mengert.

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## THIRD SESSION.

*Monday Morning, 7½ A. M., May 7th.*

Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Gerhardt.

Minutes of the previous session read and confirmed.

The Rev. J. R. Sikes was again admitted to a colloquium.

A committee was appointed to confer with Rev. J. R. Sikes for further information during the recess of the Ministerium. Dr. Brown, Revs. Mengert and Artz, were appointed on said committee.

Adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Prayer by Rev. J. S. Heilig.

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## FOURTH SESSION.

*Afternoon, 5 P. M.*

Ministerium was opened with prayer by Bro. Scheck. Minutes of former session read and adopted.

The committee appointed to confer with Rev. J. R. Sikes, made a verbal statement, whereupon the following was offered.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rev. J. R. Sikes be admitted to an examination.

6. *Resolved*, That the examination be sustained.

7. *Resolved*, That Rev. James R. Sikes receive a license for one year, to preach the Gospel and administer the ordinances of the Church.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned with prayer by the President.

DANIEL I. DREHER,
*Secretary of Ministerium.*

# APPENDIX.

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

## Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina,

After a sermon preached by Rev. D. H. Bittle, on Missions, the Society was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. D. I. Dreher. The names of annual members being enrolled, on motion, the officers of last year, were continued this year, viz:

Rev. DANIEL I. DREHER, President,
" G. D. BERNHEIM, Vice President,
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, Secretary,
" JOSEPH A. LINN, Corresponding Sec'y,
" SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Treasurer.

The Chairman and Secretary read their official reports of last year. On motion, the Secretary was requested to enter an abstract of them on the printed minutes.

Rev's A. Phillippi and William A. Julian, were appointed a committee to receive congregational contributions, count and pay them over to the Treasurer.

On motion, it was ordered that the Executive Committee

pay Rev. S. Scherer for three months extra missionary labor, whatever they may deem equitable.

The Treasurer read his report, which was received and adopted:

## REPORT NO. 1.

Samuel Rothrock, Treasurer of Synodical Missionary Society, in account with said Society:

| 1859. | DR | |
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| May 2 | To amount in hands of Treasurer as per his report to last Annual Meeting. | $307 89 |
| " | To amount contributed by Members and Churches at last Annual Meeting, | 171 40 |
| " 11 | To cash from Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Life Member, | 5 00 |
| Sept. 4 | To cash from St. Enoch's Church, per W. L. H. Plaster, | 5 00 |
| " 25 | To cash from Organ Church Missionary Society, per J. L. Græber, | 38 35 |
| Oct. 14 | To partial payment on Rev. Joseph A. Linn's note, viz: principul $50 75, interest 2 25 | 53 00 |
| Nov. 20 | To cash from St. Peter's Church Missionary Society, per David Earnhardt, | 14 70 |
| Dec. 9 | To Edmond Barrier's note, paid at this date, viz: $121 76; | |
| 1860. | interest for 2 years, 7 months & 14 days, 19 15, | 140 91 |
| Feb. 22 | To cash from St. John's Church, per Rev. G. D. Bernheim, | 18 13 |
| " | To cash from J. A. Linn, | 1 00 |
| " 27 | To cash from David A. Bost, | 25 |
| " 27 | To cash from Mrs. Sophia L. Bost, | 25 |
| Apr. 22 | To cash from St. Stephen's Church, per Peter J. Lentz, | 21 00 |
| May 3 | To cash from St. Matthew's Church, per Rev. J. A. Linn, | 20 55 |
| " | To cash from St. John's Church, per J. A. Troutman, | 10 00 |
| " | To Missionary contribution from Bethel Church, Stanly county, per Rev. J. B. Anthony, | 2 15 |
| " | To interest on Centenary Fund from Bethel Church, Stanly county, per Rev. J. B. Anthony, | 1 20 |
| " 7 | To public collection at Sandy Creek Church, | 6 73 |
| " | To contributions by members at this meeting, | 19 25 |
| " | To congregational contributions, | 84 09 |
| " | To D. M. Wagner's note, bearing date April 20, 1858, Prin. 43 84; int to this date, 2 y. 17 days; 5 38, | 49 22 |
| " | To balance on Rev. J. A. Linn's note, prin. $106 25; interest to this date, six months and 24 days, 3 61, | 109 85 |
| | | $1079 93 |

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| May 9—By cash paid Rev. C. Lentz, Missionary in Newton, N. C., | $50 00 |
| " By postage to Rev. G. D. Bernheim, | 1 36 |
| June 4—By Missionary salary to Rev. Jacob Crim, as per order of Society, | 75 00 |
| " 21—By cash to Rev. J. H. Mengert, Missionary in Wilmington, | 100 00 |
| " By cash to Rev. A. Phillippi, Missionary in Charlotte, | 100 00 |
| July 19—By loan to Rev. J. A. Linn, | 157 00 |
| Sept 26—By cash to Rev. J. H. Mengert, Missionary in Wilmington, | 43 00 |
| Oct. 14—By cash to Rev. J. H. Mengert, Missionary in Wilmington, | 53 00 |
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| Jan'y 3—By cash to Rev. J. H. Mengert, Missionary in Wilmington, | 104 00 |
| Mar. 27—By " " " " " | 100 00 |
| May 7—By cash to Rev. A. Phillippi, Missionary in Charlotte, | 100 00 |
| " By cash and notes in Treasurer's hands, | 196 57 |
| | $1079 93 |

Notes on Beneficiaries, not included in the above report, $539 73

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L. ROTHROCK, *Treasurer.*

On motion, Rev. J. B. Anthony was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, and Rev. A. Phillippi his alternate, on Sunday evening of the next Synod at Wilmington.

Your committee appointed to receive collections, present the following:

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| Rev. D. I. Dreher's charge, | $50 00 | |
| " A. Phillippi's " | 5 00 | |
| " S. Scherer's, | | |
| Newton, $5 00: Roseman's Stand, $4 70, | 9 70 | |
| Rev. J. S. Heilig's charge, | 4 50 | |
| Salem & Jerusalem Churches, St. Matthew's & Marlen's, | 14 89 | |
| | | $83 09 |
| Amount by annual membership, | | 22 50 |
| | | $105 59 |

All of which has been paid into the Treasurer's hands.

A. PHILLIPPI,

WILLIAM A. JULIAN.

Society adjourned to meet in Wilmington, on Monday of next Synod.

Our Missions in Wilmington, Charlotte and Catawba, seem to be in as prosperous a condition, as under the circumstances, could be expected. The brethren are diligent and laborious, and it is hoped in due season they will reap an abundant harvest. The Forsyth and Davidson Mission is now supplied by brother KIMBALL. It now remains for the Church to come up to the help of Synod to sustain our missions until they become self-sustaining Pastorates.

and also, to enable us to enter upon new territory. Much land, unoccupied, is still accessible to our Church. The cheering success of the past should encourage us to project still greater enterprises in Church Extension. We hope our lay-brethren will come up nobly "to the help of the Lord" this year, by largely increased contributions to our Missionary Treasury.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary.*

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